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SUBJECT: CHILE REJECTS PERUVIAN PROPOSAL ON BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR

REF: SANTIAGO 11265

1. IN A FOREIGN MINISTRY MEMORANDUM TO THE GOP MADE PUBLIC NOVEMBER 26, THE GOC BRUSQUELY REJECTED THE PERUVIAN PROPOSAL ON THE BOLIVIAN CORRIDOR. INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS, WITH THE FIRST, COURTESY PARAGRAPH OMITTED:

2. "IN THE JUDGMENT OF THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT THE PROPOSAL ENTERS INTO MATTERS FALLING UNDER ITS EXCLUSIVE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY, AND WHICH HAVE NO RELATIONSHIP TO THE GENERAL TERMS OF THE NEGOTIATION BETWEEN CHILE AND BOLIVIA, WHICH WERE APPROVED BY BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. "THE PROPOSAL IN ADDITION INVOLVES A CLEAR AND MANIFEST MODIFICATION OF THE ARTICLES OF THE 1929 TREATY, WHICH DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF CHILE OVER ARICA.

4. "FOR THESE FUNDAMENTAL REASONS, THE GOVERNMENT, FAITHFUL TO THE CHILEAN TRADITION OF RESPECT FOR

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TREATIES AND IN DEFENSE OF NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY,

DECLINES TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL.

5. "WITH THE AIM OF ARRIVING AT THE SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE NEGOTIATION UNDERWAY WITH BOLIVIA, WHICH WOULD SATISFY THE ASPIRATION OF THAT COUNTRY TO HAVE A MARITIME COAST THAT WILL BE SOVEREIGN AND UNITED TO BOLIVIAN TERRITORY BY A TERRITORIAL ZONE EQUALLY SOVEREIGN, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT AWAITS THE RESPONSE TO THE REPRESENTATION MADE, UNDER ARTICLE ONE OF THE COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOL TO THE 1929 TREATY, IN ITS NOTE NO. 585 OF DECEMBER 19, 1975."

6. COMMENT: CARVAJAL SAID A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO THAT THE CHILEAN ANSWER TO PERU WOULD BE CLEAR. THAT IT IS, BUT ALSO UNCHARACTERISTICALLY TOUGH. WE HAD NOT EXPECTED OR BEEN LED TO BELIEVE BY CHILEAN SOURCES THAT THE GOC WOULD TAKE SUCH A HARD LINE. WE ASSUME IT IS COORDINATED WITH LA PAZ.
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